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Our men and women in uniform, who take up our nation's colors, are among the bravest people in the world. America is committed to their safety, committed to their health, and we are committed to their future. And this commitment must not end when they return home to our shores.

This is something I take very seriously, and it's why I've been so involved in veterans' issues since coming to Congress.

Recently, I introduced a bill, H.R. 5282, to authorize funding for the Army Corps of Engineers Veterans Curation Program. The program, which was originally funded from the Recovery Act and began in Augusta, hires veterans to curate artifacts that have been dug up by the Army Corps of Engineers and need to be catalogued. In the process, they learn valuable technical skills in computer, photographic, and scanning technology. Currently, the Veterans Curation Program employs 50 veterans per year in Augusta, St. Louis, and Washington, D.C, but the funding is set to run out. This bill would make funding for the program permanent, would increase the funding available, and would double the amount of veterans hired to 100 per year.

This program is an absolute win-win and needs to be supported. The Corps needs to catalogue these artifacts, and who better to hire than our men and women returning home from war—many of whom have been wounded? In doing that work, they learn skills that will help them find more permanent jobs.

I'm pleased to have been able to introduce this bill with the support of the Wounded Warrior Project, and I pledge to continue doing all I can to help our nation's veterans.

To read more about the Veterans Curation Project, click here.